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# News Release

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### Accreditation Assessment Team Invites Public Comment

Sheriff Chuck Jenkins announced today that a team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA) will arrive June 16, 2013 to examine all aspects of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office's policies and procedures, management, operations, and support services. Verification by the team that the Frederick County Sheriff's Office meets the Commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain re-accreditation – a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence.

As part of the on-site assessment, agency employees and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. in the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center's first floor conference room located at 110 Airport Drive East, Frederick, Maryland. If for some reason an individual can't speak at the public information session but would like to provide comments to the assessment team, he/she may do so by telephone. The public may call 301-600-4071 on Monday, June 17, 2013 between the hours of 1:00 P.M. and 3:00 P.M.

Telephone comments as well as appearances at the public information session are generally limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. A copy of the standards is available at the Frederick County Law Enforcement Center. Local contact is Mr. Jerry Griffin at 301-600-3682. Persons wishing to offer written comments about the Frederick County Sheriff's Office ability to meet the standards for accreditation are requested to write: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155.

The assessment team is composed of law enforcement practitioners from similar out-of-state agencies. The assessors will review written materials, interview individuals, and visit offices and other places where compliance can be witnessed. The assessors are: Mr. Randall Cripe, team leader, Elkhart County Sheriff's Department, Elkhart, IN; and Lieutenant Richard Newton, Cumberland County Sheriff's Office, Fayetteville, NC.

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The Accreditation Program Manager for the Frederick County Sheriff's Office is Mr. Jerry Griffin who stated, "The assessors will submit their findings to the Commission who will decide whether to again grant our agency accredited status. Accreditation is for three years, during which the agency must submit annual reports attesting continued compliance with those standards under which it was initially accredited."

For more information regarding the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. please visit their website at [www.calea.org](http://www.calea.org); write the Commission at 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320, Gainesville, Virginia, 20155; or call (703) 352-4225.

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